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SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE SEPARATE MAINTENANCE FOR
DEPENDENTS USING ADVANCE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

REFTEL VIENTIANE 3192. STATE 111716, STATE 111586

1. MISSION NEEDS APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE SEPARATE MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE FOR PERSONNEL WHEN FAMILIES ARE DEPARTING UNDER ADVANCE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY ALL AGENCIES REPRESENTED HERE. THERE IS UNDERSTANDABLE RELUCTANCE ON PART OF EMPLOYEES BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AUTHORIZE SEPARATE MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE WILL EXPEDITE DEPARTURE OF DEPENDENTS IN ORDERLY FASHION AND WILL BE USED PRUDENTLY. THIS WILL AVOID PANIC WHICH DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND SENDING EMPLOYEES TO SAFEHAVEN WITH SPECIAL COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES WOULD CREATE. COUNTRY TEAM FEELS THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ISSUE.

2. PLEASE FURNISH SOONEST APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE SEPARATE MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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